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Abstract:

We consider how to avoid unsolicited email - so called spam - in a stronger adversarial model than what has previously been considered. Our primary concern is the proposal of an architecture and of protocols preventing against successful spamming attacks launched by a strong attacker. This attacker is assumed to control the communication media and to be capable of corrupting large numbers of protocol participants. Secondly, we show how services such as message integrity and message privacy can be obtained virtually for free by using the structures put in place for spam protection. A final issue we are concerned with is how to produce protocols that have the property that the bulk of the computational requirements and storage requirements are shifted towards one of the participants, in order to reflect the desired power balance and to avoid denial-in-service attacks. This results in a simple and efficient solution that is largely backwards-compatible, and which addresses many of the concerns surrounding email communication.

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